

19-653 Louisiana School for the Deaf

Agency Description

The Louisiana School for the Deaf is mandated by the legislature of Louisiana to provide educational services to children who are hearing impaired and reside in the State of Louisiana and whose hearing loss is such as to preclude their making normal progress in regular classrooms of the public schools.

The mission of the Louisiana School for the Deaf is to provide quality educational programs, in a nurturing environment, for children of this state who are deaf or hard of hearing; and to prepare students, for a diverse and changing society, to maximize their potential; and in so doing, to foster a challenging, rewarding workplace.

The goals of LSD are:

1. Provide specialized educational services germane to the disability of deafness inclusive of language acquisition, communication skills development, and maximum use of residual hearing.
2. Provide students with a comprehensive educational program which includes an educational program ranging from preschool to 12th grade, extra-curricular activities, social education programs, athletics, vocational education, and supportive services comparable to that of educational opportunities generally afforded to children who are able to hear.
3. Provide students with vocational education/training as well as transitional/post-graduate services which will enable the student who is deaf to make a choice in both a vocation and a path for post secondary training, and to develop marketable skills for employment.
4. Provide the community with a better awareness of deafness and its consequences.

LSD has three programs: Administration/Support Services Program, Instructional Services Program, and the Residential Services Program. LSD also includes an Auxiliary Account The Student Snack Bar is The primary function of this account.

The Louisiana School for the Deaf (LSD), located on 116 acres of land in Baton Rouge, provides residential elementary and secondary educational services to children who are hearing impaired and whose hearing loss is such as to preclude their making normal progress in the regular public school system. The school operates under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and is managed by a superintendent. There are 22 buildings providing educational facilities for a preparatory/elementary school, a junior-senior high school, physical education, vocational and special needs programs, separate dormitory buildings for preparatory, elementary, secondary age students and special needs students, learning resource center, and various physical plant support and administrative buildings.

AGENCY BUDGET SUMMARY

	ACTUAL 2001-2002	ACT 13 2002-2003	EXISTING 2002-2003	CONTINUATION 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$13,917,392	\$14,764,443	\$14,764,443	\$15,531,308	\$15,385,825	\$621,382
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	599,845	696,016	715,052	806,114	806,114	91,062
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	88,208	122,014	122,014	120,914	120,914	(1,100)
Statutory Dedications	109,844	266,476	266,476	75,696	76,545	(189,931)
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$14,715,289	\$15,848,949	\$15,867,985	\$16,534,032	\$16,389,398	\$521,413
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Administration/Support Services	\$3,604,521	\$3,783,421	\$3,784,525	\$3,952,190	\$4,055,458	\$270,933
Instructional Services	7,954,048	8,485,471	8,498,101	8,734,339	8,696,258	198,157
Residential Services	3,152,753	3,565,057	3,570,359	3,832,503	3,622,682	52,323
Auxiliary Account	3,967	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$14,715,289	\$15,848,949	\$15,867,985	\$16,534,032	\$16,389,398	\$521,413
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME EQUIVALENTS: Classified	175	184	184	184	184	0
Unclassified	147	147	147	147	147	0
TOTAL	322	331	331	331	331	0